

LISTINGS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device comprising:
an active matrix substrate comprising a plurality of scanning lines, a plurality of signal lines intersecting the scanning lines, switching elements provided near the respective intersections of the scanning lines and the signal lines, an insulating layer covering the scanning lines, the signal lines, and the switching elements, and pixel electrodes electrically connected to the respective switching elements through contact holes formed in the insulating layer, each pixel electrode and switching element connected through multiple contact holes;
a counter substrate having a counter electrode facing the pixel electrodes; and
a light modulating layer held between the active matrix substrate and the counter substrate;
wherein the contact holes are masked in a plan view.
22. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 21, wherein the multiple contact holes connecting one of the switching elements with the pixel electrode associated with the one of the switching elements are adjacent to the scanning line associated with the one of the switching elements.
23. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 22, wherein the multiple contact holes are aligned substantially along a direction of the scanning lines.
24. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 21, wherein each switching element comprises a thin film transistor, a gate electrode, and a drain electrode, the drain electrode has an extension extending from a portion of the drain electrode positioned above the gate electrode, the extension of the drain electrode is connected to the pixel electrode through the contact holes, and the contact holes are adjacent to the scanning line associated with the switching element.
25. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 24, wherein the drain electrode is substantially L-shaped in plan view.
26. (Cancelled)
27. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 21, further comprising:

a color filter layer containing color filters; and
a shielding layer formed in regions in which the color filters are not formed, the shielding layer masking the contact holes in plan view.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 27, wherein the shielding layer and the color filter layer are formed on different substrates.

30. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 21, further comprising an alignment film contacting the pixel electrodes.

31. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 30, wherein a surface of the alignment film in contact with the light modulating layer is substantially planar.

32. (Previously Presented) An active matrix display device comprising:
an active matrix substrate comprising a plurality of scanning lines, a plurality of signal lines intersecting the scanning lines, switching elements provided near the respective intersections of the scanning lines and the signal lines, an insulating layer covering the scanning lines, the signal lines, and the switching elements, and diffusively reflective pixel electrodes electrically connected to the respective switching elements through contact holes formed in the insulating layer, each pixel electrode and switching element connected through multiple contact holes, each switching element comprising a thin film transistor, a gate electrode, and a drain electrode, the drain electrode having an extension extending from a portion of the drain electrode positioned above the gate electrode, the extension of the drain electrode connected to the pixel electrode through the contact hole, and the contact hole adjacent to the scanning line associated with the switching element;

a counter substrate having a counter electrode facing the pixel electrodes;

a light modulating layer held between the active matrix substrate and the counter substrate; and

a shielding layer provided on one of the active matrix substrate and the counter substrate, the shielding layer masking the contact holes in a plan view.

33. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 32, wherein multiple contact holes connect each switching element with the associated pixel electrode.

34. (Previously presented) An active matrix display device according to claim 33, wherein the multiple contact holes are aligned substantially along a direction of the scanning lines.